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from the previous month. Japan,

primary markets. Through June,

totaled 5.6 million tons compared

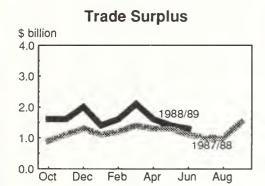
The EC has reduced both soybean

and soybean meal purchases from

U.S. soybean exports to the EC

with 9.2 million tons a year ago.

Taiwan, and Mexico were the



June Trade Surplus Declines Slightly - June's agricultural trade surplus decreased by \$44 million from May to \$1.3 billion. Farm product exports fell \$270 million from the previous month to less than \$3.1 billion. Imports also declined, to \$1.7 billion, bringing the cumulative trade surplus for the first nine months to \$14.5 billion (table 3).

Cotton exports fell 63 percent to \$75.2 million. After an increase in May to 148,000 tons, exports in June to totton, anion, fruits, Imports Begin Summer Decline (Increase in May to 148,000 tons, exports in June fell sharply to 55,000 tons.

the United States.

exports Down - U.S. agricultural exports fell seasonally in June to just over \$3.0 billion. Cotton, animal feeds, rice, tobacco, fruits, vegetables, and vegetable oils were lower, while wheat, corn, soybeans, and sorghum increased from the previous month (table 5).

Wheat exports of 2.5 million tons

matched May's performance, bring-

ing the October-June total to 26 mil-

lion tons valued at \$4.2 billion. The

Soviet Union, China, and Japan

were the major markets, supple-

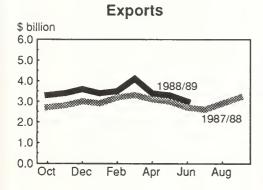
mented by sales to South Korea,

notably North Africa and Eastern

Egypt, and Bangladesh. Some

large markets of a year ago--

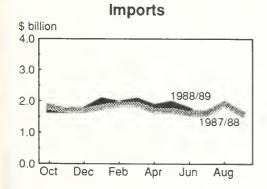
Imports Begin Summer Decline - U.S. agricultural imports fell \$225 million in June to \$1.7 billion. June generally marks the beginning of a summer decline in imports. Fresh fruit and vegetable imports, the most seasonal of all major commodity groups, fell \$74 million in June. Coffee, cocoa, rubber, and tobacco were also lower. Gains, however, occurred for vegetable oils and sugar (table 6). (Steve Milmoe, 202-786-1821).



Europe--have dramatically reduced their demand for U.S. wheat.

Corn exports of 5.7 million tons valued at \$684 million brought the U.S. total for October-June to 41.6 million tons and \$5.1 billion. The Soviet Union took 1.9 million tons in June, bringing their 9-month total to 14.7 million tons. Japan, Korea, and Taiwan combined accounted for 2.5 million tons. As of August 10, corn sales to the Soviet Union for crop year 1988/89 amounted to

Japan Still Top Export Market -Although shipments of farm products in the April-June quarter eased slightly, exports to the USSR and Korea accelerated. Japan remained the leading agricultural market during the first 9 months, taking a record \$6.3 billion. The USSR moved up to second place as export values jumped 78 percent to \$3.0 billion. Exports to Mexico more than doubled last year's pace, approaching \$2.1 billion. Korea emerged as fourth largest, taking over \$1.9 billion. Farm commodity shipments slowed to most EC destinations (table 4).



Soybean exports of 849,000 tons during June were up 218,000 tons

a record 16.7 million tons.

Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity -- continued

		October-	June		June			
Commodity group and unit	Thousand	Units	\$ Thous	ands	Thousar	nd units	\$ Thousa	ands
ľ	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989
Fruits - canned - excl. juice (MT) fruits - frozen, excl. juice (MT) Other fruits - prep or pres (MT) Fruit juices, including frozen (HL) Other fruit juices (HL) Wine (HL) Other fruit juices (HL) Wine (HL) Nuts and preparations (MT) Almonds (shelled basis) (MT) Peanuts, shelled or unshelled (MT) Peanuts, shelled or unshelled (MT) Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT) Vegetables * preparations (MT) Vegetables * preparations (MT) Vegetables * fresh (MT) Celery - fresh (MT) Lettuce - fresh (MT) Other fresh vegetables (MT) Vegetables - frozen (MT) Other fresh vegetables (MT) Vegetables - frozen (MT) Other frozen vegetables (MT) Vegetables - frozen (MT) Potatoes - frozen (MT) Dried beans (MT) Dried beans (MT) Dried peas (MT) Dried peas (MT) Other veg - prep or pres (NA) Oilseeds and products (MT) Oilseeds and products (MT) Oilseeds (MT) Soybean (MT) Soybean (MT) Soybean (MT) Soybeans (MT) Soybean (MT) Cottonseed oil (MT) Sunflower oil (MT) Cotton (MT) Cotton Linters (MT) Sugar and tropical products (MT) Sugar * related products (M	58 18 18 3,849 1,759 2,089 41 335 127 127 65 1,423 156 26 58 233 129 400 272 106 272 106 272 106 5,410 5,276 134 18,361 241 337 18,361	62 20 33 3,8602 1,740 3,740 1,	60,372 18,250 18,923 178,356 81,991 96,365 53,230 674,883 418,424 95,094 105,413 50,840 9256,329 15,092 49,707 9,660 37,98 143,873 124,967 27,894 655,288 125,749 31,576 77,93 4,344,187 77,93 4,344,187 77,932 66,298,155 11,202,072 20,979 4,344,187 79,926 4,158,157 17,932 6,298,155 11,202,072 20,979 4,344,187 77,932 6,298,155 11,202,072 20,979 4,344,187 79,926 25,090 57,631 730,358 320,563 78,174 124,967 131,159 1,080,549 246,583 687,526 146,441 1,852,629	63,430 18,217 37,462 191,127 94,184 96,942 659,852 377,167 131,417 49,553 1,225,158 288,056 17,235 12,762 34,114 41,9046 155,445 30,866 82,246 112,311 208,366 112,311 208,366 12,762 34,114 41,9046 155,445 30,866 82,246 112,311 208,366 112,311 208,366 112,311 208,366 112,311 208,166 112,311 208,166 112,311 208,176 11,186,176 19,843 39,938	5 2 2 5 6 3 2 4 9 4 5 1 9 1 0 6 2 0 1 1 5 5 6 5 1 0 7 8 5 1 9 4 1 1 4 2 0 3 2 1 2 1 0 3 1 2 1	7 34 526 5207 725 8 15 10 259 96 76 33 10 259 96 76 33 10 45 11 31 10 45 11 17 44 10 11 10 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	5,346 22,6425 11,505 115,0514 43,992 42,123 42,123 134,743 23,169 106,891 32,894 4,988 133,668 15,353 24,743 133,668 15,351 16,617 16,993 16,621 16,621 16,631 17,735 120,617 16,735 120,617 16,735 120,617 16,735 120,617 16,735 120,617 16,735 120,617 16,735 120,617 16,735 120,617 16,735 120,617 16,735 120,617 16,735 17,735 17,735 17,735 18,735 1	7, 105 3, 080 4, 5022 26, 744 15, 091 11, 653 9, 223 43, 235 25, 193 10, 6422 2, 895 4, 406 13, 074 5, 842 16, 402 17, 222 2, 687 8, 501 6, 033 9, 612 15, 308 10, 612 15, 308 11, 193 11, 193 12, 128 270, 812 27
Herbicides (MT) Insecticides (MT) Other pesticides (MT) Farm machinery (NA) Tractors & self-prop mach (NO) Other ag machinery & parts (NA) Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	123 44 18 53	108 54 27 29	680,910 298,651 111,610 735,968 335,320 400,648 2,017,713	546,508 228,862 160,320 1,184,001 318,531 865,469 2,392,623	12 5 2 7	8 5 2 1	63,025 34,497 10,199 95,957 42,918 53,039 251,231	43, 0 20, 6 13, 7 155, 5 28, 7 126, 7 304, 8

NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent less than 500 units.

		Octobe	r-June		June				
Commodity and unit	Thousand	dunits	Thousand	dollars	Thousand	d units	Thousand	dollars	
	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989	
Total agricultural imports (NA) Noncompetitive agric. imports (NA) Bananas and plantains (MT) Coffee, including products (MT) Tea and mate' (MT) Spices (MT) Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT) Silk - raw (MT) Wool, unmanufactured - carpet (MT) Essential oils (MT) Drugs - crude - natural (MT) Other noncompetitive imports (NA) Animals and animal products (NA) Animals and animal products (NA) Animals live, exl. poultry (NO) Cattle - live (NO) Swine - live(NO) Swine - live(NO) Sheep, live (NO) Other live animals (NO) Meats & products ex poultry (MT) Beef & veal-fresh, frozen (MT) Beef & veal-prep or pres (MT) Pork fresh or frozen (MT) Pork fresh or frozen (MT) Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT) Doultry meat (MT) Goather & goather (MT) Goather & goather (MT) Goather & goather (MT) Goather & goather (MT) Grapes & fresh (MT) Other fruits - prep or pres (MT) Other fruits - prep or pres (MT) Other fruits - prep or pres (MT	1,841 1,305 444 277 577 975 589 533 56 350 227 123 17 17 0 7 3 8 8 73 2 16 2,306 234 75 73 155 738 1,051 1,0	277 29 481	24, 155 248, 667 13, 969 85, 198 20, 553 100, 551 269, 465 117, 404 152, 062 385, 672 180, 369	16,453,080 4,695,792 1,785,792 1,785,439 996,954 838,838 830,572 106,743 175,694 1757,962 11,757,962 11,757,962 11,757,962 11,757,962 11,127,363 1297,3	231 544 9336 600 1314 1177 1177 1288 768 3825 1310 1010	12 12 31 76 122 72 4 10 4 13 11 11 11 92 21 926 1,448 0 3	45,664,9973 44,0913 44,0913 44,0041	187, 228 66, 8293 68, 7768 61, 7778 68, 7768 69, 7778 61,	

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity -- continued

		October	-June	1		June		
Commodity and unit	Thousand	units	Thousand	dollars	Thousand	units	Thousand	dollars
	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989
Vegetables & preparations (MT) Vegetables-fresh or frozen (MT) Tomatoes (MT)	2,065 1,469 303	2,392 1,510 304	1,270,787 606,272 134,834	1,601,881 784,858 189,749	139 71 17	206 85 18	116,226 36,073 6,465	47,213
Asparagus (MT) Beans (MT) Carrots (MT)	12 12 47	12 20 43	17,170 9,909 9,234	14,890 18,364	0 0 1	0 1 1	374 225 384	72 615 270
Cucumbers (MT) Eggplant (MT)	210 18	188 17	47, 183 9, 268	10,283 76,617 8,555	2	3 0	1,069 87	
Garlic (MT) Lettuce (MT)	14 16	11 18	8,583 11,122	9,198 7,005 58,936	3 0 7	3	1,841 64	72
Onions (MT) Peas, incl chickpeas (MT) Peppers (MT)	181 22 113	145 38 117	73,427 20,833 62,279	38,318 90,591	1	9 2 6	4,376 1,453 4,766	1,748 8,037
Potatoes (MT) Squash (MT)	188 60	216 73	35,949 31,473 135,009	59,610 33,738	14 1	14 2	3,173 238	4,594 589
Other vegs - fresh or froz (MT) Vegetables - prep or preserv (MT Olives - prep or pres (MT)	270 596 58	308 882 52	664,515 96,835	169,005 817,023 104.186	20 68 6	26 121 6	11,557 80,153 10,642	102,959
Mushrooms, canned (MT) Hops, incl extract (MT)	42 5 10	40 6 9	93,645 26,665	104,186 95,521 24,594	6 0 4	4 0 3	13,980 350 7,352	10,362 748
Artichokes - prepared (MT) Asparagus - prepared (MT) Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (M	106	2 167	17,490 3,266 60,157	18,409 3,657 141,980	0 12 3	0 26	7,332 236 7,043	24 . 870
Waterchestnuts (MT) Beans & peas, dried (MT) Other vegetables-prep/pres (MT)	25 33	21 47	19,481 14,410 332,564	16,038 25,507 387,131	3 4	3 8	2,514 1,979 36,057	4,568
Sugar and related products (MT) Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	1,685 715	3,786 1,116	431,748 248,043	647,859 419,732	62	218 149	40,673 19,087	87,573 58,493
Molasses - inedible (MT) Confectionery products (MT) Other sugar & related prods (MT)	678 29 263	2,397 55 218	48,915 46,135 88,655	41,156 95,468 91,504	128 3 34	31 10 28	5,075 5,811 10,700	16,311
Spices (MT) Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	18 158	17 119	25,399 438,183	32,263 361,606	2 19	28 2 11	2,505 52,143	4,493 35,213
Tobacco - filler (MT) Tobacco - scrap (MT) Other tobacco (MT)	131 11 16	106 10 2	406,834 14,289 17,060	346,016 5,562 10,028	15 1 3	10 1 0	48,384 1,849 1,910	491 1,113
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL) Wine (HL)	11,315 2,330	10,188 2,136	1,504,429 763,899	1,344,066 683,867	1,511 235	1,369 206	179,568 76,003	161,130 67,250
Malt beverages (HL) Other beverages (HL) Oilseeds & products (MT)	8,098 887 1,245	7,406 647 1,512	674,030 66,499 585,075	611,925 48,274 740,902	1,141 135 129	1,060 103 178	94,169 9,396 68,460	6,399 90,793
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT) Flaxseed (MT)	157 47	353 146	51,529 7,739	129,677 49,500	20 11	32 12 4	6,283 2,246	12,291 3,978
Sesameseed (MT) Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT) Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	31 79 913	30 176 896	22,029 21,760 506,169	26,852 53,324 562,253	3 6 91	16	2,322 1,715 58,688	4,579 74,598
Castor oil (MT) Coconut oil (MT) Olive oil (MT)	27 374 57	31 277 64	24,578 173,421 91,496	28,493 137,464 112,126	37	123 2 66 7	813 18,701 14,200	31,073
Palm oil (MT) Palm kernel oil (MT)	135 162	107 1 3 9	43,390 77,170	43,476 76,273	8 16	19	3,282 8,664	2,919 9,607
Other oils & waxes-vegetable (M Oilcake & meal (MT) Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	158 175 0	279 264	96,113 27,377 455	164,421 48,972 3,162	21 18 0	22 24 0	13,026 3,489 0	3,903
Cotton linters (MT) Seeds - field & garden (MT)	26 111	7 147	6,189	2,139	1	1 3	246	167
Cotton, excluding linters (MT) Cotton linters (MT) Seeds - field & garden (MT) Cut flowers (NA) Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA) Other vegetable products (MT) Selected non-agric imports (NA) Fertilizers (MT) Potassium (MT) Nitrogen (MT) Phosphate (MT) Mixed or organic fertilizers (MT		 37	215,083 91,623 24,457 7,105,340 1,105,872 500,553 461,775 48,683	239,813 109,987 95,803 7,557,387 1,362,196 489,331 630,463	1	8	19,837 4,183 2,552 714,276 73,984 31,581 31,784	20,375 6,852 16,697
Selected non-agric imports (NA) Fertilizers (MT)	12,299	25,178	7,105,340 1,105,872	7,557,387 1,362,196	808	885	714,276 73,984	865,607 111,630
Potassium (MT) Nitrogen (MT) Phosphate (MT)	5,620 5,484 587	5,457 17,091 2,439	500,553 461,775 48,683	489,331 630,400 211,463	357 344 52	302 220 358	31,581 31,732 2,046	27,620 52,243 30,980
			94,862 3,752,097 1,598,439 2,066,797	211,463 25,125 3,929,632 1,838,747 2,033,777	56 3,636	0 123	8,626 388,333	
rish - fresh or prepared (MT) Shellfish (MT) Fish products, other (MT)	253			1,838,747 2,033,777 57,107	30 3.561	87 32 4	128,909 248,879 10,544	3.478
Fish and shellfish(MI) Fish - fresh or prepared (MT) Shellfish (MT) Fish products, other (MT) Agricultural chemicals (MT) Fungicides (MT) Herbicides (MT) Insecticides (MT) Other pesticides (MT)	73	13,716 60 12 13 2 34	86,861 398,271 37,943	343,423 45,603 113,670 23,364 160,787	7	302 220 358 0 123 87 32 4 9 9	36,449 3,697	43,798
Insecticides (MT) Other pesticides (MT)	14 18	13 2 34	37,943 187,987 106,490 65,851	23,364 160,787	2	2 0 4	13, 115	2.371
Other pesticides (MT) Farm machinery (NA) Tractors & self-prop mach (NO) Other ag mach & parts (NA) Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	89	793	65,851 1,788,408 938,574	1,857,538 836,549 1,020,989 64,596	10	199	6,200 208,536 110,458 98,079	230,017 102,562
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)			849,834 60,692	64,596			6,974	6,500

NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent less than 500 units.

Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

Item	Apr	Мау	Jun	FY to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
					Percent
Agrīcultural exports Imports (Customs val.)	3,433 1,833	3,327 1,946	3,057 1,720	30,982 16,453	16.3 3.5
Trade Balance	1,600	1,381	1,337	14,529	35.3

Preliminary data.

Table 4--Leading U.S. agricultural export markets: October-June 1986/87, 1987/88, and 1988/89 (\$ Mil.)

Destination	1986/87	1987/88	1988/89
World Japan USSR Mexico Korea, Rep. Canada 1/ Netherlands 2/ China, Taiwan China, Mainland Spain Germany, Fed. Rep. Egypt Iraq United Kingdom Venezuela Italy Pakistan Hong Kong France Algeria Belgium 2/ Saudi Arabia	21,008	26,640	30,982
	4,267	5,414	6,349
	375	1,714	3,049
	871	984	2,056
	1,192	1,686	1,918
	1,348	1,442	1,643
	1,593	1,765	1,625
	1,017	1,140	1,233
	158	391	975
	549	728	814
	1,018	1,079	771
	612	562	702
	363	514	602
	530	621	578
	314	398	498
	649	617	481
	22	196	451
	316	361	422
	387	471	395
	181	423	392
	341	360	350
	358	325	341

1/ Adjusted for transshipments. Not adjusted for underreporting errors. 2/ Not adjusted for transshipments.

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Apr	May	Jun	fy to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
Total Live animals Meat & prep. Hides & skins Wheat Rice Corn Other feed grains Animal feeds Soybeans Vegetable oils Horticul. prods. Cotton & linters Tobacco, unmfg.	3,433 26 250 144 515 66 546 125 296 314 64 416 186 121	3,327 26 255 153 405 108 638 93 310 177 78 438 204	3,057 25 255 161 407 66 685 89 198 240 55 382 78 68	30,982 428 2,162 1,298 4,211 5,087 837 2,632 3,713 630 3,373 1,433 1,096	Percent 16.3 29.6 40.3 -7.9 32.0 27.4 71.0 47.9 5.2 -10.7 -13.7 -10.7 -23.1

Preliminary data.

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (Customs' value) (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Apr	May	Jun	FY to Chg. fm. date prev. yr.	_
Total Live animals Meat & prep. Dairy prod. Grains & feeds Fruits & nuts Vegetables Vegetable oils Wine Malt beverages Coffee Cocoa Rubber, natural Sugar Tobacco, unmfg.	1,833 71 196 54 96 296 200 33 68 66 202 90 89 30 54	1,946 57 220 76 94 308 191 57 79 81 206 75 101 48 46	1,720 555 217 68 89 239 150 75 67 87 187 66 69 58	Percent 3.5 628 3.8 1,841 -14.1 606 -6.8 844 33.5 2,454 8.4 1,602 26.0 562 11.1 684 -10.5 612 -9.2 1,785 -6.1 744 -20.4 839 20.0 420 69.4 362 -17.4	

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